

**YESTERDAY'S WEATHER**  
U. S. Weather Bureau  
May 28, 1918—Last Tuesday  
Four hours' rain, 0.4  
Temperature, Min. 71; Max. 81.  
Weather, Clear.

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**FOOD FORECAST FOR TODAY**  
All Meals Mentioned and one Wheatless

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## GERMANS RESUME GRAND OFFENSIVE Crown Prince Smashes Along a Forty Mile Front

### CONGRESS YIELDS; WILL STAY IN SESSION TO FIND NEEDED SINEWS FOR WAR

#### UNEXPECTED SPECIAL MESSAGE DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT BRINGS DETERMINATION TO PASS TAX LEGISLATION

#### LOBBYISTS AND PROFITEERS ARE WARNED THERE IS BRIGHT LIGHT THAT SHINES ON EVERY MAN AND ACT

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(Associated Press)—Taxation legislation, measures which will vastly increase the revenues of the country to assist in the meeting of the expenses of the conduct of the war, will be passed by congress before it adjourns. The President went unexpectedly before the national legislators yesterday and read them a message in which he put the facts and the needs squarely before them in language which left no escape. His speech has brought immediate acquiescence and the long discussion which has been in progress as to whether this class of legislation should be considered at the present session of congress, never until the short session which will assemble in December is closed with the decision meeting the wishes of the administration.

#### WILL FOLLOW SUGGESTIONS

Following the delivery of a soul stirring message by the President it was determined by the leaders in the two houses to continue the present session of congress until the revenue raising legislation which is required shall have been passed. It was also agreed that the plans for taxation shall follow the suggestions made by Wilson in his speech and the new burdens shall be borne chiefly by incomes, war profits and luxuries.

The ways and means committee of the house will begin the holding of hearings early next month and afterward the senate finance committee will cooperate in the drafting of the bill. It is expected that a completed measure will be presented to the house in July.

#### OPPOSITION WAS STRONG

At the outset of the present session the play of the administration did not contemplate revenue raising legislation at the present session. As the program of the country for its war conduct has increased new needs arose and McAdoo suggested new legislation. To this the members of both houses demurred and through the leaders announced that the first plans of the administration must be followed. With an election upon which depends the seats of many of the senators and representatives pending they desired to close the session and return home to conduct their campaigns.

As the days passed the plans of the war grew still greater until appropriations desired amounted to the vast sum of thirty-four billions of dollars. Then the secretary of treasury again called for legislation at this session and once more the legislators demurred. This was the situation when President Wilson unexpectedly addressed them yesterday.

#### WAR IS PARAMOUNT

Wilson told the legislators that the conduct of the war was paramount, that politics must wait, the country could be depended to conduct the elections and the man who placed politics above his country and its needs would be in no position to ask for a return to office. He put the issue to them as it had not been presented before and, in closing his address he told them he had just been informed that the Germans had resumed their offensive, thus accentuating their duty to the country and their duty and the nation's duty to the Allies.

In the course of his speech President Wilson took occasion to issue warnings to lobbyists who might seek to hamper the legislation desired and to food profiteers.

#### LIGHT OF PUBLICITY

"There is no danger of deceit now," said the President. "An intense, a pitiless light beats down upon every man and upon every action. This is the tragic plot of war now that is upon the stage. If lobbyists come hurrying to Washington and attempt to turn the needed taxation measure to their own protection, to their own advantage the bright light of publicity will beat also upon them. There is abundant fuel for such light in the records of the treasury department. There are records there as to profits of every sort."

"Profiteering that cannot be stopped by the restraints of conscience and by the love of country can be reached by taxation. There is such profiteering now going on and information in regard to it is available. The evidence is indisputable."

After the joint session had adjourned there were hastily called meetings of the leaders of senate and house and of the parties and the decision to prolong the session for the purpose of the legislation asked was reached.

#### President's Speech

President Wilson said in part: "There need be felt no hesitancy in taxing the country if it shall be taxed justly. Additional revenues must be provided and it is not a sound policy to raise too large a proportion of our expenses by means of loans."

"We cannot get increased taxes unless the country knows what those taxes are to be and practices the economies necessary to raise them. Only equitably distributed taxation of the widest incidence and drawn chiefly from sources which would be likely to demoralize credit by their very abundance, can prevent inflation and keep our industrial system free from speculation and from waste. We shall turn naturally, therefore, to war profits and incomes and luxuries for our additional revenues from taxation."

"I cannot assure the people of the country of a successful administration of the treasury in 1918 if the matter of further taxation shall be left undecided until 1919."

**Crisis in War**  
"Winning this war dominates every other consideration at this time and until it is won. We are now at the very peak and crisis of the war. Hundreds of thousands of our men are in the field and ships are crowding fast and faster to the French and British ports and will continue to do so until the enemy has been beaten and brought to a reckoning with mankind. There can be no pause. This great enterprise must be pushed with greater and greater energy. The volume of our effort must be augmented steadily and rapidly until there can be no question of the enemy resisting it."

"Money must sustain our program to the utmost. The financial program must not be permitted to lag behind the military. We must meet the situation without selfishness or fear of consequences."

**Politics Adjourned**  
"Politics is adjourned. The elections will go to those who think least of politics and most of their country. The people of this country will give a just verdict at the polls on election day in November."

"The people know this war has to be paid for. They will bear the great burden cheerfully and with solemn pride if it be justly distributed."

**Pride in America**  
"I have always been proud to be an American and never was prouder than now when all that we have said and all that we have done about our people in coming through great days have come to us when the only thing our people ask for or desire is duty, greatly and adequately done; when great, compelling sympathy wells up in their hearts for men every where who suffer and are oppressed; when they see, at last, the high uses for which their wealth has been piled up and their mighty power accumulated and will rejoice to spend and to be spent through long suffering and terror that they, and men everywhere, may see the day of righteousness, justice and peace."

"Shall we grow weary when they bid us act?"

W. S. S.

#### KERENSKY FAILS TO ARRIVE AS PROMISED

Report Issued By Socialist Newspaper Groundless

ATLANTIC PORT, May 27.—(Associated Press)—Raphel to the effect that Kerensky, the former "great man of Russia" was coming to this country and would arrive today were found to be groundless when the vessel upon which he was said to be traveling arrived with no passenger aboard who resembled Kerensky.

The report that the former Russian Premier would arrive in this country today emanated from the Call, a Socialist newspaper published in New York City and the report was sent broadcast through the country.

#### AMERICANS IN PICARDY MEET WITH SUCCESS HEAVIEST ASSAULTS SINCE THEY REACHED THE FIGHTING FRONT

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(Associated Press)—American forces in the Picardy sector yesterday participated in the heaviest fighting and the closest approach to a general engagement which they have encountered since their arrival overseas. They were called upon to meet raids in force and they rose to the occasion magnificently, repelling three heavy raids which were driven against their positions, countering and recovering positions from which they had been temporarily forced and inflicting severe losses upon the enemy. They also captured numbers of prisoners and at nightfall their positions were stronger than before.

After violent artillery fire in which the American positions in Picardy were drenched with explosives and gas shells, the Germans raided in force and at the outset were successful in penetrating the advanced American positions. Rallying and with reinforcements the Americans countered vigorously, charged back at the enemy, and at the point of the bayonet drove them back.

**Pursue Enemy**  
Pursuing the retreating enemy, slaughtering as they went, the Americans continued on forward and entered the foe's line.

In the Woivre sector a heavy raid was also attempted and this the Americans met and repulsed. Like the other raid it was preaged by a heavy barrage.

**Drive Not Mentioned**  
General Pershing's communique in addition to telling this said that the enemy shelled the American positions in the Toul sector, using thousands of gas shells but did not follow up the heavy raids in the Picardy sector. An enemy flyer, he said, was downed by the Americans. He did not, however, make any mention of the new drive in his report.

Further reports received late last night from American headquarters said that the Americans repulsed three heavy raids in the Picardy sector, inflicting severe losses and took a number of prisoners.

**Higher Passenger And Freight Rates Are Ordered**  
Director General of Railroads Makes Increases Which Are Expected To Pay Higher Wages and Greater Operating Costs.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—(Official)—Increases in freight rates of twenty five percent and in passenger rates to three cents a mile were today announced by Director General of Railroads McAdoo, following his orders of yesterday which increased the pay of 2,000,000. The freight and passenger rate increases are required to meet the added expenses of \$300,000,000 which results from the general raise in pay and the increased cost in coal since the railroads will now pay the same price for their fuel as will individual consumers.

It had been expected from the time the report of the railroad wage committee was presented and made public that if its recommendations should be approved by the director general of railroads, and there was little doubt that they would be, that an increase in revenue through higher freight and passenger rates would have to be secured.

**INCREASE LARGEST IN RAILROAD HISTORY**  
WASHINGTON, May 27.—(Associated Press)—It is estimated that the increased revenue to the railroads through increasing freight rates twenty-five percent and increasing passenger fares from two and a half cents a mile, the present basis, to three cents a mile will produce an added revenue of between \$800,000,000 and \$900,000,000. The increase in passenger rates is made effective June 10 and the freight rate increase on June 25. The increases are the largest that have been made in the history of railroading in this country.

**WAR IS PARAMOUNT**  
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**FEAR FOR BAER**  
PARIS, May 27.—(Associated Press)—Lieutenant Paul P. Baer of Mobile, one of the American aviators, has been missing since May 22 and it is feared that he is either killed or captured.

#### ENTENTE FORCES FALL BACK BUT RETIRE KILLING

#### Chemin des Dames Blazing Again In Mighty Struggle —Huns Drive Once More For Ypres

NEW YORK, May 28.—(Associated Press)—Smashing in heavy mass attacks at points two hundred miles apart, the German offensive was resumed early yesterday morning. At a number of points the Allies have fallen back before the initial fury of the onslaught, but everywhere they have inflicted tremendous losses upon the enemy, selling each foot of ground dearly and methodically retreating when the pressure of the oncoming masses endangered them.

The great strength of the Germans is being employed at a new point in this western offensive, the combined armies of von Bulow and von Boehm, under the command of the Crown Prince, operating on the south, between Soissons and Rheims, against the Franco-British lines holding the famous Chemin des Dames ridge.

#### CROWN PRINCE IN COMMAND

Berlin despatches state that the Crown Prince's advance has regained for him the whole of the ridge at this point and that the fighting is now along the Aisne. The Germans took the ridge by storm, says the German wireless, forcing the French and British back.

Despatches from General Haig state that the British on this front have fallen back at one place, at Berry au Bac, where the Germans rained a terrific bombardment of gas shells and brought a large number of tanks into the action. The British fell back on their left into prepared positions which constitute their second line.

#### ADVANCE IN GREAT MASSES

The French despatches, reporting on this section of the battle, state that the German bombardment equalled in intensity the great preparation before the launching of the initial offensive on March 21. Following the tremendous expenditure of shells of all calibres, the Germans advanced their infantry, using great masses, which followed a heavy barrage. Into the mass of greycoats the French shell rained, while the machine guns pelted the advancing foe, taking terrific toll.

The Germans are using their fresh troops and throwing them into the carnage with the utmost recklessness. From their trenches along the Chemin des Dames heights the French gunners and infantry have maintained a wholesale carnage in the German ranks, which time after time, in successive waves, rolled against the Allies' positions and was time after time smashed and beaten back.

#### PARIS ADMITS RETIREMENT

An official despatch from Paris late last night gives confirmation to the Berlin claim that the Crown Prince at one point has forced the Allies back to the Aisne. A most violent battle, this report states, is raging along the Aisne front from Vauxaillen, eight miles northeast of Soissons, to Brimont, five miles northwest of Rheims, in the center of which the Germans have reached the neighborhood of Pont-Arcy. On this front the Franco-British are falling back methodically, keeping up a steady, deadly resistance. "The enemy is paying dearly for his futile success", says the official communique.

The line of battle indicated in this Paris despatch shows that the Allies have retired more than a mile on their left and nearly four miles in their center, which now rests upon the Aisne.

Along this front of thirty miles, the German guns are drenching the Allies' rear positions with gas shells and many thousands of high explosive shells.

#### COMPARATIVE QUIET IN CENTER

From Pinon, marking the right of the section attacked by the Crown Prince, to Albert, in Northern France, the offensive has not as yet been resumed, although there has been raiding in heavy force at various sections by the Germans, a series of three such raids being directed against the American sector near Hangard. Between Albert and Arras there was tremendous artillerying, but this was not followed up by infantry.

The second heavy point of attack was in Flanders, against the northern side of the Armentieres salient. Here the fighting was only slightly less in violence to that on the Aisne, the Germans suffering most heavily and making only minor gains in spite of it.

#### DRIVING AGAIN FOR YPRES

The attack was launched at daybreak yesterday morning, after a heavy bombardment. North of Kemmel, between Locre on the west and Voormezele on the east, the smash towards Ypres was resumed. Throughout the day the battleline wracked backwards and forwards. Repeatedly the German rushes gave them temporary possession of British and French positions, and repeatedly the Allies came back in counters that swept the Huns away, clearing them from the trenches.

Early in the afternoon, after ten hours of desperate battling, General Haig reported that the foe had virtually failed at all points along this front. The early advantages gained by the initial rush had been retrieved and at practically every section the Allied lines had been reestablished.

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#### CROWN PRINCE IS ONLY SAFE LOSER

LONDON, May 28.—(Associated Press)—German prisoners taken in yesterday's fighting state that it is fully admitted in German military circles that the recent heavy offensive against the Franco-British in the Lys valley was a complete failure. The blame for this is ascribed to faulty staff work and the general who commanded the Germans in that attempted drive has been removed from command and disgraced.